THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*or*

HOLY COMMUNION,

COMMONLY CALLED

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

THE ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

 *People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant and the People Kneeling pray*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, still kneeling:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

*The Celebrant and People pray kneeling:*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE

*The Gloria or some other song of praise may be sung or said, all standing.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

 *People* **And with your spirit.**

 *Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

 *People* **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

*People seated*

*One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

**A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

 *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.*

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], [[1]](#footnote-1)**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Minister or other person appointed says the following*

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Minister and People kneel as able and pray*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,**

**which we have grievously committed by thought, word, and deed**

**against your divine majesty,**

**provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;**

**the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,**

**forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16T

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2T

THE SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

 The Lord be with you.

 *People* **And with your spirit.**

 *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

 *People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 *People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up**

**the crumbs under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord**

**whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly ask you; and grant that we receiving your creations of bread and wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” [[2]](#footnote-2)‡

THE AGNUS DEI

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**grant us your peace.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together pray the following,*

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,**

**with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us:**

**that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,**

**the blessed company of all faithful people;**

**and are also heirs, through hope,**

**of your everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,**

**to assist us with your grace,**

**that we may continue in that holy fellowship,**

**and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the People with these words*

 *Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

 *Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

 *People* **Thanks be to God!**

1. *The phrase “and the Son” (Latin* filioque*) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in Documentary Foundations (page 768).* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ‡ *In the 1662 Order, the Distribution of Communion occurs here. The Lord’s Prayer is then said.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-2)